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SUBJECT: UNV MANAGEMENT

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1. THE DEPARTMENT IS ADVISED THAT IT WAS UNV COORDINATOR GORDON WHO RECOMMENDED WHITE TO BE HIS DEPUTY AT GENEVA. WHILE HE EARLIER HAD DEMURRED ON NATIONALITY GROUNDS, HE LATER FAVORED WHITE STRICTLY ON THE BASIS OF SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNDP DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR LINDSTROM IS PERSON WHO RAISED ISSUE OF U.S. NATIONALITY, WHICH WOULD ACCORD FIRST TWO POSITIONS IN UNV TO NORTH AMERICANS.

2. IF U.S. IS THEREBY SUBMITTING NEW CANDIDATE(S) FOR NUMBER TWO SLOT, WE WOULD HAVE TO PRODUCE A CANDIDATE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO GORDON THAN WHITE AND CHALLENGE LINDSTROM POSITION ON TWO NORTH AMERICANS HEADING UNV.

3. UNDP IS PRESENTLY IN PROCESS OF SEEKING TO ROTATE AN AMERICAN NATIONAL WITH PEACE CORPS BACKGROUND FROM FIELD TO HEAD UN NY LIAISON OFFICE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE AMERICAN WOULD SIMPLY EXCHANGE POSTS WITH EDWARD WHITE WHO OVER THE LONG RUN SEES MORE OPPORTUNITY IN UNDP PROPER THAN IN UNV. WHITE WOULD ACCEPT GENEVA JOB IF LINDSTROM UNABLE TO PRODUCE ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE BUT WILL NOT ACTIVELY SEEK THAT POSITION.

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